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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
DVME-1005US

In Re Application Of:

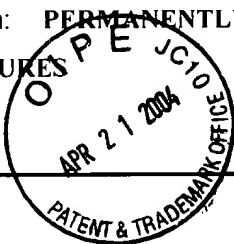
Suyker et al

Serial No.  
09/708,617

Filing Date  
November 9, 2000

Examiner  
Kathryn Odland

Group Art Unit  
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Invention: PERMANENTLY DEFORMABLE CONNECTOR FOR MECHANICALLY CONNECTING HOLLOW  
STRUCTURES

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 18, 2003 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: February 18, 2004  
*Date*

until: April 18, 2004  
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE      | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 37 -                                | 39 =                        | 0                              | x \$18.00 | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 4 -                                 | 8 =                         | 0                              | x \$86.00 | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR AMENDMENT                                    |                                     |                             |                                |           | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME                            |                                     |                             |                                |           | \$420.00          |
| <b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b> |                                     |                             |                                |           | <b>\$420.00</b>   |

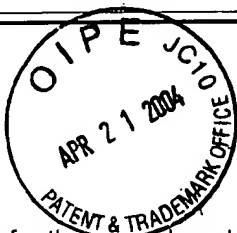
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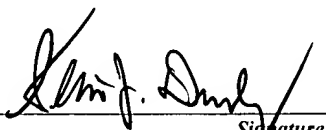
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
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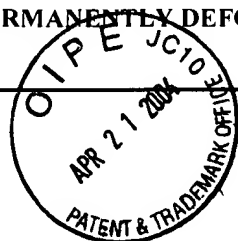
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